

# Sustainability Action Agenda

## Priority Implementation of the Sustainability Plan

**Our Sustainability Plan** will guide City government for decades to come. The plan is extensive. It is a collection of broad goals, specific objectives and direct strategies that have been identified by the **people of St. Louis** as presenting the best opportunity to advance sustainability in the City. But, we also want it to be real. We want to improve our City in ways that people can feel, touch, understand and measure.

Our Sustainability Plan has three purposes: first, to make our City cleaner, safer, healthier, with less waste of energy and natural resources; second, to attract knowledge workers and others who want more sustainable spaces and neighborhoods; and third, to make life better and easier for all of our citizens.

Our Sustainability Plan is the result of two years of public engagement. The City intends to lead by example in implementing the plan. So, we have chosen to **prioritize the following action items** over the next five years. It is not just City government's plan. **It is our City's plan.** It is my hope that individuals, community organizations, and neighborhoods will both embrace and help implement it.

  
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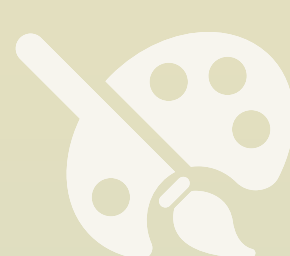
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PRIORITY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN ITEMS  
FOR CITY IMPLEMENTATION BY 2018



## Urban Character, Vitality & Ecology

- ① Create a **sustainability resource toolkit** for neighborhoods
- ② Make LRA land available at no cost for **smart, productive, creative re-use of the land**
- ③ Provide easy access to **greenspace, trails or parks** within a half mile or 10 minute walk
- ④ Increase number of **trees planted** by 16,000, or 15%



## Arts, Culture & Innovation

- ① Promote sustainability practices at all **public arts and cultural events**
- ② Build Phase II of CORTEX **bioscience and technology research** district
- ③ **Advance use of public transit**, trolleys and streetcars to connect arts, culture and innovation hubs



## Empowerment, Diversity & Equity

- ① **Employ 500 youth** in annual summer job program
- ② Form a **Mayor's Community Council for Sustainability Implementation**
- ③ Implement Board Bill 297 pertaining to **workforce inclusion**
- ④ Maintain our **premier Municipal Equality Index** rating for LGBTQ



## Health, Well-Being & Safety

- ① **Decrease obesity** by 5% through our Small Changes for Health, Let's Move STL and Good 4 U! Programs
- ② **Reduce crime** by 25%
- ③ **End chronic homelessness**



## Infrastructure, Facilities & Transportation

- ① Advocate for transportation plans and funding that allow more **people to be less car dependent**
- ② Support **Citywide greenhouse gas emission reductions** of 25% by 2020 and 80% by 2050
- ③ Achieve a 6% **reduction in fuel use** in City fleet and expand use of alternative fuels to 85% of Airport's fleet
- ④ Increase number of dedicated **bicycle lanes** by 150% and shared road facilities by 35%
- ⑤ **Increase bike racks** by 150%
- ⑥ Have **single stream recycling** facilities for 100% of City government buildings and **double residential recycling** to 20% participation
- ⑦ **Reduce City government use of water** by 10%
- ⑧ Use **green custodial cleaning** supplies in 100% of City government facilities



## Education, Training & Leadership

- ① Create an Office of Sustainability in which the City's Sustainability Director works with a **City Green Team** to implement and track the City's sustainability initiatives
- ② Open 20 additional **quality public charter schools**
- ③ Double the current eco-literacy rate by launching a program to foster an enhanced connection between **people and urban natural resources**



## Prosperity, Opportunity & Employment

- ① Require a **sustainability impact statement** for all new City development
- ② Create at least 8,500 **new jobs** at Ballpark Village, CORTEX, Carondelet Coke, St. Louis Army Ammunition Plant, and North Riverfront
- ③ **Remediate** and prepare at least 40 vacant properties **for redevelopment**
- ④ Create an **urban forestry employment training program** for high school students

